IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 14, and 19-21 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A portable computer, comprising:

a power switch;

an optical device drive;

an audio signal processing unit processing the audio data of a disk inserted into the optical device drive; and

~~an inputting unit comprising~~ a touch pad ~~and~~ including a sensing plate and a plurality of touch pad ~~selection~~ inputting buttons for inputting movement and selection of a pointing cursor when the power switch is in an "ON" state,

wherein the touch pad ~~selection~~ inputting buttons of the ~~inputting unit~~ touch pad have selection inputting functions used to control a plurality of operations of the optical device drive when the power switch is in an "OFF" state,

wherein the audio signal processing unit is supplied with assistant power while system power is turned off, and

wherein the audio signal processing unit controls the optical device drive based on selections inputted using the touch pad ~~selection~~ inputting buttons.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer according to claim 1, wherein the ~~inputting unit~~ touch pad inputting buttons further comprises:

a plurality of inputting button switches generating selection signals when the respective touch pad ~~selection~~ inputting buttons are pressed, wherein

the touch pad is provided with a touch pad IC unit generating a pointing signal in response to the selection signal as generated by the plurality of inputting button switches.

3. (ORIGINAL) The computer according to claim 2, further comprising a bus switching unit supplying the selection signal as generated by the inputting button switches based on an "ON" or "OFF" signal of the power switch into either of the touch pad IC unit or the audio

signal processing unit.

4. (ORIGINAL) The computer according to claim 3, wherein the bus switching unit supplies the selection signal as generated in the inputting button switches based on the "ON" signal of the power switch to the touch pad IC unit.

5. (ORIGINAL) The computer according to claim 3, wherein the bus switching unit supplies the selection signal as generated by the inputting button switches based on the "OFF" signal of the power switch to the audio signal processing unit.

6. (ORIGINAL) The computer according to claim 3, further comprising a microcomputer to turn on or off power supplied to the touch pad IC unit based on the "ON" or "OFF" signal of the power switch.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer according to claim 6, wherein the microcomputer supplies the assistant power to the audio signal processing unit when the selection signal is generated by pressing at least one of the touchpad ~~selection~~ inputting buttons while the system power is turned off.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer having an optical device driver, comprising:

a power switch to enable or disable system power;

a touch pad including a plurality of touch pad input button switches to generate a signal based on a user ~~input;~~ input, a sensing plate to sense a contact position, and a touch pad control unit to control movement of a pointing cursor; and

a bus switching unit to supply the signal to the optical device driver to control an optical device if the system power is disabled and to supply the signal to the touch pad control unit to control a pointing curser if the system power is enabled.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer of claim 8, further comprising:

a plurality of touch pad input buttons to operate the plurality of input button switches.

10. (ORIGINAL) The computer of claim 8, wherein the optical device driver controls a CD-ROM drive that plays audio compact discs (CDs).

11. (ORIGINAL) The computer of claim 10, wherein the signal is used to input playback instructions for the audio CDs when the signal is supplied to the optical device driver.

12. (ORIGINAL) The computer of claim 8, wherein the optical device driver controls a DVD drive that plays digital versatile discs (DVDs).

13. (ORIGINAL) The computer of claim 12, wherein the signal is used to input playback instructions for the DVDs when the signal is supplied to the optical device driver.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method, comprising:

determining whether system power has been enabled or disabled via a power switch;

generating a signal based on a user input via a touch pad, which includes a plurality of touch pad input button switches and a sensing plate; and

supplying the signal to an optical device driver to control an optical device if the system power is disabled, and supplying the signal to a touch pad control unit to control movement of a pointing cursor if the system power is enabled.

15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 14, wherein the optical device driver controls a CD-ROM drive that is capable of playing audio compact discs (CDs).

16. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 15, wherein the signal is used to input playback instructions for the audio CDs when the signal is supplied to the optical device driver.

17. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 14, wherein the optical device driver controls a DVD drive that is capable of playing digital versatile discs (DVDs).

18. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 17, wherein the signal is used to input playback instructions for the DVDs when the signal is supplied to the optical device driver.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A machine-readable storage medium that provides instructions, which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations comprising:

determining whether system power has been enabled or disabled via a power switch;

generating a signal based on a user input via a touchpad, which includes a plurality of touch pad input button switches and a sensing plate; and

supplying the signal to an optical device driver to control an optical device if the system power is disabled, and supplying the signal to a touch pad control unit to control movement of a pointing cursor if the system power is enabled.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 19, wherein the optical device driver controls a CD-ROM drive to play audio compact discs (CDs).

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, wherein the signal used to input playback instructions for the audio CDs when the signal is supplied to the optical device driver.